

Liliuokalani's Side of The Hawaiian Question.

An Arrangement of the Course of the Harrison Administration and a Statement of Facts Which Has Received the Personal Indorsement of the ex-Queen—Submitted by The Tribune for What It is Worth.

Editor of The Tribune—

Sir: The almost universal false impression of the American people in regard to Hawaiian affairs ever since the unmanly and shameless overthrow of Queen Liliuokalani in 1893 arises undoubtedly in the large majority of cases, from gross ignorance. The terrible power of a news correspondent has never been so well demonstrated as in this instance. The correspondent at Honolulu, in all his dispatches from that place from the time of the overthrow up to the present, gives no reliable proof that he was an adherent of the rebels; equally so the correspondent in San Francisco. Their prejudiced and perjured dispatches have been sent broad-cast to the press of the United States and have been copied in dispatches that the American public has formed its opinion.

Without any interest whatever in the matter the writer, from a mere sense of justice to the traduced, commenced to read with interest these partisan and untrue dispatches, and it will take trouble to read them with as much care as he did they will as he soon learn to read between the lines. The following article was written in the Spring of 1893, but being on the unpoplar side of the question was not offered for print. However, when Queen Liliuokalani went to Washington, the writer called upon her with his manuscript and was accorded three private audiences with the rightful Queen of Hawaii, at one of which he submitted the article written nearly four years ago, to ascertain if his statements of facts were correct.

The Queen and her lady-in-waiting listened with great interest to the reading of this article and upon its conclusion the Queen said: "Mr. Brewster, every one of your facts is absolutely correct. I would be glad to have them published, but at the present juncture I do not desire to be quoted; that is, I want it understood that I am not saying anything, but you have my permission to say that I declare your facts to be correct."

Instead of the thick-lipped savage that our newspaper press has degraded itself by picturing, I found her a handsome, dignified, courteous lady, the equal of any American woman in intelligence and graciousness.

THE ARTICLE.

A review of the acts of the Harrison administration in relation to the question of Hawaiian annexation can only bring a sense of shame to the patriot. Such an attempt at national burglary, robbery of sovereign individual rights, forcible possession of vested property, advocacy of "might makes right," connivance with chicanery, participation in plunder, concert with insurrectionists and acceptance of their perjuries and provocations accompanied by heartless disregard of justice to the deposed monarch and her loyal subjects, of approval of the wrongs done to the throne, as distinguished the finale and exit of that administration, is fortunately unparalleled in the history of this country. Self-appointed envoys from Hawaii, sent and recalled by a United States minister plenipotentiary in collusion with the highest cabinet officer and president of the United States—this is the spectacle to which I wish to call your attention.

The New York Herald, on January 29, 1892, published an article describing and comparing the former with the present conditions of the Hawaiians. The power and brilliancy of the writing leaves no room to doubt the ability of the anonymous author. It is a masterpiece, written with a tone of sarcasm, yet its absolute frankness and impartiality are convincing proof of the correctness of its facts. The desire to reproduce here the entire article is only overcome by the impracticability of doing so. The following is an extract:

Canibals they certainly had been up to a little while before Captain Cook, in 1778, re-discovered them—the Spaniards, a hundred years before, having stated Hawaii, Mead Island—and named them after Lord Sandwich, first lord of the admiralty. They killed their prisoners with knives, but they did not follow, but "civilization" has avenged his death something like 100,000 fold. There were 14,500, mostly native, Hawaiians in 1800. There were 24,226 natives. * * * What has slain them? "Pneumonia" very likely, from the wearing of clothing, but it would not be the Kanaka youth was hearty * * * But when the missionaries brought the cult of clothing for decency's sake, and at the same time introduced the use of bringing the cult of keeping the clothes dry for health's sake, the Kanaka death rate began to fall. It has been estimated that the missionaries brought those other adjuncts of civilization which the Australian legislator describes as "sin and—," the blank representing the article complained of. What a story is that which Dana told in the wonderful "Two Years Before the Mast," of the Kanaka sailor who lay dying on the California coast, the hideous malady which "civilization" had brought to his clean, fair islands, and who the Yankee skipper refused to give him his medicine chest, the remedy which he knew would save the man's life. Measles, small-pox and influenza the Kanaka has taken much harder than his "civilized" brethren who brought these diseases to him. * * * When one considers the parasitical condition of the aboriginal Kanaka, and the further stage of dirt, disease and death which swept upon him coincidently with his "discovery," one wonders not that a noble Captain Cook, but that he did not maintain this vigorous foreign policy towards all newcomers.

The word "missionaries" should be emphasized, as they were the original and the dominant cause of the present situation. The New York Herald of Jan. 31, 1893, prints the following:

"AS VIEWED BY A HAWAIIAN."

"Written by a native ten days before the Queen's overthrow. The following letter, written to the Herald ten days before the revolution occurred in Honolulu, contains an interesting review of the situation as it then existed. * * * From the Hawaiian standpoint the question of annexation may be summarized in a few words. It is unpopular with all classes. * * * It is true that the islands are having internal dissensions which cause some uneasiness at home and in Washington. [This should be borne in mind on account of denials, quoted later.] It is also true that the people of Hawaii are com-

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DON'T WANT TO JOIN.

But this one possible condition does not exist in the Hawaiian case. The majority of bona fide Hawaiians do not desire or ask annexation. The Illustrated American for May 8, 1893, says: "Charles Nordhoff, perhaps the ablest and undoubtedly the most brilliant correspondent ever employed by James Gordon Bennett, writes from Honolulu where he was sent by the New York Herald 'that the forty thousand natives of the Sandwich Islands are solidly opposed to annexation to the United States' while by no means all of the 1,200 Americans—men, women, and children living in the islands, want or cry out for annexation. In proof of his statement that these 1,200 are not unanimous in their views on annexation, Mr. Nordhoff points out that the annexation and provisional scheme has constituted a social circle, trouble in the church and in the relations, so so ruthlessly have the planter and annexationists pushed their revolutionary scheme and purpose among their own class, an American or other foreigner who does not go in for annexation must keep quiet or suffer persecution in church, society, and business."

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